

PRESIDING OFFICER'S
RULING NO. MC2002-2/9

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Experimental Rate and Service Changes
To Implement Negotiated Service Agreement
With Capital One Services, Inc.

Docket No. MC2002-2

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING
GRANTING MOTIONS FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE
OF INTERROGATORY RESPONSES

(Issued November 26, 2002)

On November 20, 2002, the Postal Service filed a motion for late acceptance, Motion for Late Acceptance of Response of United States Postal Service Witness Wilson to Interrogatories of Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA/USPS-T4-13, 16, 17(a), (b)(vii-x), (c)(vii-x), (d), (e)(vii-x) and (f)(vii-x), 18, 20, 21). This motion requests acceptance of interrogatory responses three days late due to Mr. Wilson's heavy travel schedule. On November 21, 2002, the Postal Service filed two motions for late acceptance of responses to interrogatories: Motion of United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of Response of Witness Crum to Presiding Officer's Information Request No. 2, Question 7 (POIR-2, Q7), and Motion for Late Acceptance of Response of United States Postal Service to Interrogatories of Office of the Consumer Advocate Redirected from Witness Wilson (OCA/USPS-T4-14 and 19). The motions request acceptance of interrogatory responses three and four days late respectively, caused by the need to develop a full response through extended internal discussions. On November 25, 2002, the Postal Service filed a fourth motion for late acceptance, Motion for Late Acceptance of Response of United States Postal Service Witness Wilson to Interrogatories of the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA/USPS-T4-24-27). This motion requests acceptance of interrogatory responses one day late due to newly

developed information in response to these interrogatories that also required revisions to responses to other interrogatories. No party should be prejudiced by these delays. The motions for late acceptance shall be granted.

RULING

1. Motion for Late Acceptance of Response of United States Postal Service Witness Wilson to Interrogatories of Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA/USPS-T4-13, 16, 17(a), (b)(vii-x), (c)(vii-x), (d), (e)(vii-x) and (f)(vii-x), 18, 20, 21), November 20, 2002, is granted.
2. Motion of United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of Response of Witness Crum to Presiding Officer's Information Request No. 2, Question 7 (POIR-2, Q7), November 21, 2002, is granted.
3. Motion for Late Acceptance of Response of United States Postal Service to Interrogatories of Office of the Consumer Advocate Redirected from Witness Wilson (OCA/USPS-T4-14 and 19), November 21, 2002, is granted.
4. Motion for Late Acceptance of Response of United States Postal Service Witness Wilson to Interrogatories of the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA/USPS-T4-24-27), November 25, 2002, is granted.

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Presiding Officer